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9 March 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: OC Equipment Board Members

SUBJECT : Minutes of the Equipment Board Meeting  
of 6 March 1973

1. Meeting No. 2-73 of the Office of Communications Equipment Board was held on 6 March 1973. Those present were:

Members: Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.

Also present:

[Redacted box]

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New Business:

2. Mr. [ ] opened the meeting by stating that the agenda for today's meeting called for a presentation by Mr. [ ] OC-CCD on the coder-keyer situation.

3. Mr. [ ] said that the purpose of the meeting was to review for the board the existing supplies of coder-keyers, those which are developed and ready for production, and the future development goals. Availability of R&D funds for completion of existing developments as well as the availability of procurement funds for purchase of completed systems will impact CCD decisions in coder-keyer development, procurement and replacement.

4. Mr. [ ] called the attention of the Board Members to the coder-keyer handout (Attachment A). He then outlined the coder-keyer situation and graphed the existing plans as follows:

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CODER/KEYER	FISCAL YEAR			
	FY-73	FY-74	FY-75	FY-76
CK-8-----				
CK-33-----				
CK-45-----	\$125k	125k		
CK/A-33-----				X
CK-42			350k-----	
CK-43		- 2 way system -		

25X1 Mr. [ ] explained that at the current rate, our stock of CK-8's will run out during FY-74. If we begin using the CK-33 as a replacement for the CK-8, our stock level will also be depleted during FY-74. Several ways of making the CK-33 less restrictive (reducing cost and waiving approval by D/DO) were discussed.

5. The CK-45 was designed as a low-cost replacement for the CK-8. We have spent \$125k of FY-73 funds for procurement of the CK-45 and will spend another \$125k of FY-74 funds.

25X1 6. Mr. [ ] asked if CCD was convinced that the CK-45 would be more reliable than the CK-33. Mr. [ ] replied that CCD's tests and evaluations would support such a conclusion. Mr. [ ] asked why did the CK-45 use magnetic tape and mechanical tape processing rather than solid state. 25X1 Mr. [ ] stated that for several reasons; time in development, state of the art, delays, etc. 25X1

7. Mr. [ ] continued the review with a status report on the CK-42 which will be ready for production in FY-74. He then concluded the presentation with the following CCD recommendations:

(a) Consume the remaining CK-8 and CK-33 equipments and not reorder either.

(b) Procure the CK-45 as a replacement for both the CK-8 and CK-33.

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(c) Consume the Baudot CK/A-33 on our  
[redacted] Telephone systems, etc.

(d) Develop and produce the CK-42 in  
accordance with our existing plans.

(e) Continue with CK-43 program as  
it applies to the PAC system, but not decide  
at this time whether to produce.

8. Mr. [redacted] suggested we spend the \$125k for CK-45  
procurement, then wait until the CK-42 development jells  
before we decide to buy more CK-45's. Mr. [redacted] agreed and  
Mr. [redacted] remarked that the entire production of CK-45's  
should be considered "service test models" and subject to  
careful evaluation before buying more. There was a general  
consensus that this would be the preferred course of action.

9. Mr. [redacted] thanked the Board for their endorsement  
of the CCD program and promised to make a similar presentation  
when the CK-42 and CK-43 programs have made significant progress.

[redacted]  
man // OC Equipment Board

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Director of Communications

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